

Need another word that means the same as “subterfuge”? Find 41 synonyms and 30 related words for “subterfuge” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Subterfuge” are: blind, trickery, intrigue, deviousness, evasion, deceit, deception, dishonesty, cheating, duplicity, guile, cunning, craft, craftiness, slyness, chicanery, bluff, pretence, fraud, fraudulence, sophistry, sharp practice, trick, hoax, ruse, wile, ploy, stratagem, artifice, dodge, manoeuvre, machination, pretext, expedient, tactic, scheme, masquerade, smokescreen, sleight, stunt, game

Subterfuge as a Noun

Definitions of "Subterfuge" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “subterfuge” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *Deceit used in order to achieve one's goal.*
- *Something intended to misrepresent the true nature of an activity.*

Synonyms of "Subterfuge" as a noun (41 Words)

[artifice](#)

Clever or cunning devices or expedients, especially as used to trick or deceive others.

*An industry dominated by **artifice**.*

[blind](#)

A hiding place sometimes used by hunters (especially duck hunters).

*He waited impatiently in the **blind**.*

bluff

The act of bluffing in poker deception by a false show of confidence in the strength of your cards.

*His game of **bluff**.*

cheating	A deception for profit to yourself.
<u>chicanery</u>	The use of deception or subterfuge to achieve one's purpose. <i>Storylines packed with political chicanery.</i>
<u>craft</u>	An aircraft or spaceship. <i>He represented the craft of brewers.</i>
craftiness	The quality of being crafty.
<u>cunning</u>	Skill in achieving one's ends by deceit. <i>What resources of energy and cunning it took just to survive.</i>
<u>deceit</u>	The action or practice of deceiving someone by concealing or misrepresenting the truth. <i>Hypocrisy and deceit were anathema to her.</i>
deception	A thing that deceives. <i>Obtaining property by deception.</i>
deviousness	The quality of being oblique and rambling indirectly.
dishonesty	Deceitfulness shown in someone's character or behaviour. <i>The dismissal of thirty civil servants for dishonesty and misconduct.</i>
<u>dodge</u>	The dodging of a bill in change-ringing. <i>The grant system's widespread use as a tax dodge.</i>
<u>duplicity</u>	A fraudulent or duplicitous representation. <i>The president was accused of duplicity in his dealings with Congress.</i>
evasion	Nonperformance of something distasteful (as by deceit or trickery) that you are supposed to do. <i>His evasion of his clear duty was reprehensible.</i>
expedient	A means to an end; not necessarily a principled or ethical one. <i>The current policy is a political expedient.</i>
fraud	Something intended to deceive; deliberate trickery intended to gain an advantage. <i>Mediums exposed as tricksters and frauds.</i>
fraudulence	The quality of being fraudulent.
game	The game equipment needed in order to play a particular game. <i>For actors memorizing lines is no game.</i>
guile	The quality of being crafty. <i>He used all his guile and guts to free himself from the muddle he was in.</i>
<u>hoax</u>	Something intended to deceive; deliberate trickery intended to gain an advantage. <i>A hoax 999 call.</i>

intrigue	The secret planning of something illicit or detrimental. <i>The cabinet was a nest of intrigue.</i>
machination	A plot or scheme.
manoeuvre	A move made to gain a tactical end. <i>Shady financial manoeuvres.</i>
masquerade	A costume worn as a disguise at a masquerade party. <i>Dressing up role playing and masquerade.</i>
ploy	A cunning plan or action designed to turn a situation to one's own advantage. <i>The eternal cross stitch I was set to do before I could indulge my own loys.</i>
pretence	A false or unsupportable quality. <i>They have always avoided preciousness and pretence.</i>
pretext	Something serving to conceal plans; a fictitious reason that is concocted in order to conceal the real reason. <i>The rebels had the perfect pretext for making their move.</i>
ruse	An action intended to deceive someone; a trick. <i>Emma tried to think of a ruse to get Paul out of the house.</i>
scheme	A particular ordered system or arrangement. <i>The occupational sick pay scheme.</i>
sharp practice	A long thin sewing needle with a sharp point.
sleight	The use of dexterity or cunning, especially so as to deceive. <i>Except by sleight of logic the two positions cannot be harmonized.</i>
slyness	Shrewdness as demonstrated by being skilled in deception.
smokescreen	An action intended to conceal or confuse or obscure. <i>He tried to create a smokescreen by quibbling about the statistics.</i>
sophistry	A fallacious argument. <i>Trying to argue that I had benefited in any way from the disaster was pure sophistry.</i>
stratagem	Skill in devising plans or schemes; cunning. <i>A series of devious stratagems.</i>
stunt	A creature (especially a whale) that has been prevented from attaining full growth.
tactic	An action or strategy carefully planned to achieve a specific end. <i>These are possible tax saving tactics to discuss with your accountant.</i>
trick	A prostitute's customer. <i>She thought Elaine was playing some trick on her.</i>

trickery	The practice of deception. <i>The dealer resorted to trickery.</i>
wile	The use of tricks to deceive someone (usually to extract money from them). <i>The devious wiles of the politicians.</i>

Usage Examples of "Subterfuge" as a noun

- *He had to use subterfuge and bluff on many occasions.*
- *I hated all the subterfuges, I hated lying to you.*
- *He wasn't sick-it was just a subterfuge.*

Associations of "Subterfuge" (30 Words)

baloney	Pretentious or silly talk or writing. <i>I don't buy it it's all a load of baloney.</i>
betray	Treacherously reveal (information). <i>She drew a deep breath that betrayed her indignation.</i>
cheat	An act of cheating a fraud or deception. <i>She cheats on her husband.</i>
cheating	Violating accepted standards or rules.
chicanery	The use of tricks to deceive someone (usually to extract money from them). <i>Storylines packed with political chicanery.</i>
cozen	Trick or deceive. <i>He cozened the money out of the old man.</i>
deceit	The act of deceiving. <i>Hypocrisy and deceit were anathema to her.</i>
deceive	Deliberately cause (someone) to believe something that is not true, especially for personal gain. <i>I didn't intend to deceive people into thinking it was French champagne.</i>
deception	A misleading falsehood. <i>Obtaining property by deception.</i>
deceptive	Giving an appearance or impression different from the true one; misleading. <i>Deliberately deceptive packaging.</i>
defraud	Deprive of by deceit. <i>He used a second identity to defraud the bank of thousands of pounds.</i>

delude	Make (someone) believe something that is not true. <i>Too many theorists have deluded the public.</i>
dissimulation	Concealment of one's thoughts, feelings, or character; pretence. <i>His audience consisted of a dissimulation of birds.</i>
feint	Make a deceptive or distracting movement, especially during a fight. <i>You would would you said Bob feinting punches back at them.</i>
fraud	A person or thing intended to deceive others, typically by unjustifiably claiming or being credited with accomplishments or qualities. <i>Mediums exposed as tricksters and frauds.</i>
fraudulence	Something intended to deceive; deliberate trickery intended to gain an advantage.
fraudulent	Intended to deceive. <i>A fraudulent scheme to escape paying taxes.</i>
hoodwink	Deceive or trick. <i>Staff were hoodwinked into thinking the cucumber was a sawn off shotgun.</i>
humbug	A hypocrite. <i>Poor Dave is easily humbugged.</i>
insider	An officer of a corporation or others who have access to private information about the corporation's operations. <i>Political insiders.</i>
liar	A person who tells lies. <i>The man was a notorious liar.</i>
lie	The way direction or position in which something lies. <i>The abbey lies in ruins today.</i>
<u>manipulation</u>	The action of manipulating someone in a clever or unscrupulous way. <i>There was no deliberate manipulation of visitors emotions.</i>
perfidious	Tending to betray; especially having a treacherous character as attributed to the Carthaginians by the Romans. <i>The perfidious Judas.</i>
perfidy	An act of deliberate betrayal. <i>Hapsburg perfidy.</i>
phony	A person who professes beliefs and opinions that he or she does not hold in order to conceal his or her real feelings or motives.
scam	Deprive of by deceit. <i>An insurance scam.</i>

swindle	Use deception to deprive (someone) of money or possessions. <i>He is mixed up in a 10 million insurance swindle.</i>
treacherous	Tending to betray especially having a treacherous character as attributed to the Carthaginians by the Romans. <i>A treacherous Gestapo agent.</i>
<u>trickery</u>	Verbal misrepresentation intended to take advantage of you in some way. <i>The dealer resorted to trickery.</i>